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Vessel: SH BRIGHT

Location: Transiting between offshore pilot station and Anchorage 8. At approx. 0825, vessel passed under the A-B span of the Bay Bridge.

Arrival: Boarded vessel at offshore pilot station at 0654, 11/07/07.

Destination: Initial destination was Sacramento chemical berth. Final destination became Anchorage 8.

Ship's Equipment: All of the ship's navigation equipment appeared to function normally.

ECDIS/Electronic Charts: Vessel was not equipped with ECDIS/Electronic charts. I, as the pilot, was using my personal PDA chart program with remote GPS input.

Visibility: Visibility between the offshore pilot station and Fort Mason was approx. 1/10th of a mile. In the vicinity of Fort Mason, the visibility to the south improved to approx. 1/4th of a mile then quickly closed in again to 1/10th of a mile all the way to Anchorage 8.

Due to the foggy weather limiting the visibility along my intended route, I opted to abort my transit and proceed to Anchorage 8 and anchor the vessel until the visibility improved. My decision to anchor was based on several factors: At 0743, I called the Rio Vista Bridge to get a visibility report which was reported to me to be 100' at the bridge. At 0753, I called the UPRR Bridge to get a visibility report which was reported to me to be less than 1/8th of a mile. Also, local ferryboats were reporting to VTS that the visibility from the central bay to as far up as Vallejo was 1/8th to 1/4 of a mile.